

The Hurricane Breeze

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COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS
Putnam Municipalities
And Non-Profits Seek

\$136,000 in Funding

By Ron Allen

Communities and non-profit organizations are eligible for grants from the Stephen A. Andes Recreation Enhancement Fund for the purpose of improving recreational facilities and/or community beautification. At the January 28 Putnam County Commission meeting, seven entities made their wants known.

City of Winfield mayor Randy Barrett requested \$10,711.64 of the commission for improvements at the river front park at the community center. The funds would allow the City to install a swing, flag pole and solar lighting, and to add an extension to an existing dock to accommodate anglers.

Buffalo mayor Conrad Cain stated that the funds requested last year were not expended because a land use agreement was not in place for new athletic fields. He asked that those funds of \$30,400 be re-extended and for an additional \$14,000 for a pickleball court and \$4,486 for swing sets. Cain said that all projects would be completed this calendar year.

Bancroft mayor Jami Beth Hayes requested \$20,720.72 to replace the gravel in play areas with rubber mulch, install an additional flag pole and replace existing monkey

bars with a spider web.

Eleanor Cam Clendenin mayor asked the commission for \$35,000 which would help the town to meet 20% matching needs for a \$350,000 sidewalk project. The project consists of 5,000 feet of sidewalk for the Eleanor Park and fairgrounds and additional entrances to the fairgrounds.

Poca mayor William Jones requested \$34,599.20 for park improvements that include security cameras, a shelter with two picnic tables and amenities.

Nathan Clendenin of the Putnam County Fair Board submitted a request of \$13,900 to complete a fairground lighting project and to address a drainage issue.

Lowell Wilks request \$6,500 on behalf of the Historic Hoge House Foundation for a heating/cooling unit to the addition and for front porch repair.

Commission president Andy Skidmore stated that the \$100,000 allocated for the grants from the county's Hotel/Motel Tax receipts is \$36,000 less than the requested grants. Skidmore asked that action on requests be tabled until after the commission has completed its budget work for the coming fiscal year. The commission will revisit the requests once the budget process is completed.

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'Polar Plunge' Produces \$22,000 for Special Olympics



The Freezing E's plunged as a team and won the team division of the costume competition. Turn to Page 3 for more Plunge photos.

By Ron Allen

The annual 'Polar Plunge' at Hurricane City Park produced \$22,000 for the support of the Special Olympics program and on Saturday, February 1st. John Corbett, Special Olympics WV Head, reported that one hundred-plus brave souls put fear aside and jumped into a pool filled with water extracted from the very cold Hurricane Reservoir. Corbett stated that the event generates revenue needed for Special Olympic athletes

to compete in the Winter Games which are held in January at Canaan Valley State Park, the Summer Games which are held in Charleston during June, and in Cheering Competition at WVU in Morgantown in March.

Corbett is pleased to announce that Shawn Bayliss earned the top fundraiser title

by soliciting close to \$5,000 from supporters who enjoy making their favorite attorney colder than cool. Corbett said that Bayliss has been the top fundraiser in each and every Hurricane Polar Plunge. Hurricane has been the home to a February Polar Plunge for the past eight years. The event also produced

a costumed plunger winner. The chilled plungers and supporters gathered at the Fireside Grille after the event to warm up and enjoy the Fireside offerings. The individual costume contest winner was Christopher Wood. Group costume contest winners were the Freezing E's.

Putnam County Middle School Math Field Day Results



Pictured are the 8th Grade winners who will represent Putnam County in Regional Competition. (l-r): Will Samples, Hurricane Middle, Alternate; Lucas Houdyschel, Hurricane Middle, 3rd Place; Cruz Berry, Winfield Middle, 2nd Place; and Blaise Liu, Hurricane Middle, 1st Place.

Putnam County Schools hosted its annual Math Field Day for grades 6-8 at Winfield Middle on Tuesday, January 28. Every school was represented by a team of three from each grade. The top three individual winners in each grade advance to the regional competition at the Regional Math Field Day at the University of Charleston on February 25, 2025.

Math Field Day participants have math skills tested in four areas: mental math, estimation computation, physical estimation, and a written (math) exam.

Individual winners were:

6th Grade Winners — 1st Place: Morgan Snodgrass, Poca Middle; 2nd Place: Neo Nguyen, Winfield Middle; 3rd Place: Lucas Houdyschel, Hurricane Middle; Alternate: Ava Hendren, Winfield Middle

7th Grade Winners — 1st Place: Hunter Jones, Hurricane Middle; 2nd Place: Jace Berry, Winfield Middle; 3rd Place: Markus LeMasters, Hurricane Middle; Alternate: Riley Cook, George Washington Middle

8th Grade Winners — 1st Place: Blaise Liu,

Hurricane Middle; 2nd Place: Cruz Berry, Winfield Middle; 3rd Place: Jackson Green, Hurricane Middle; Alternate: Will Samples, Hurricane Middle.

In addition to the individual winners who will advance, this year's Math Field Day honored the highest scoring 3-member teams in each grade level. Team winner were — 1st Place: Hurricane Middle; 2nd Place: Winfield Middle; 3rd Place: Poca Middle

Physical Estimation Winner was Viggo Lopez, Teays Valley Christian

Zach Sallade served as Event Coordinator.

Celebrating 50th Anniversary of What Never Happened

By Ron Allen

Today, the Breeze is celebrating that which did not happen fifty years ago. On Friday, January 31, 1975, the Breeze announced the intent to immediately cease publishing the newspaper. It did not happen because Bill Robinson, owner of The Putnam Democrat newspaper offered to print the Breeze on his press at a discounted price.

The Breeze did not miss an issue. On February 7, 1975, the front page of the paper announced the cancellation of the suspension.

In 1975, the Breeze was printed in Culloden on the same press as the Putnam Post and Putnam Democrat.

When the Post ceased to print its own paper, printing of the Breeze shifted to Valley Publications in Nitro.

When the Valley Press shutdown, printing the Breeze shifted to Wayne County. When the press at Wayne County News wore out, printing shifted

Suspending Publication

We are suspending the publication of The Breeze with this issue—Jan. 31, 1975.

We are obliged to suspend publication due to the fact that we cannot secure white newsprint in the proper size for our press. The last shipment of newsprint we received was in November, 1973, when the Canadian mill we had secured our paper through for 40 years, discontinued sheeting paper the size we were using. No American mill makes the size we use. The last of that shipment was used up on Jan. 11, 1974. Since January 18, 1974 we have been preparing our forms and having them run on the rotary press of the Putnam Post, to whom we are very grateful.

Under the conditions we would have to continue publication, coupled with inflation, high utilities, high taxes, etc., each copy of the paper would cost us better than 16-cents each.

All paid in advance subscriptions will be refunded from this date to date of expiration of subscription just as fast as we can work them up, and we would appreciate it if the several hundred of unpaid subscribers would pay up to date.

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A clipping from the Front Page of the January 31, 1975 issue of The Hurricane Breeze.

Putnam County Farm Bureau

Join us for our next meeting. All are welcome!

When: February 13, 2025 @6:30pm

Where: Putnam County Courthouse

WEATHER SUMMARY			
January 28 - February 3			
	Low	High	
January 28			
Hurricane	20°	45°	
January 29			
Hurricane	21°	50°	
January 30			
Hurricane	18°	51°	
January 31*			
Hurricane	35°	51°	
February 1			
Hurricane	20°	37°	
February 2			
Hurricane	20°	54°	
February 3			
Hurricane	29°	66°	

*RAIN
0.5 inch recorded Jan. 31

Community Calendar

If you want your event listed in the Community Calendar, write to the Hurricane Breeze at PO Box 310, Hurricane, West Virginia 25526, or phone 304-562-9881. If you have email, send it to breezenews@citynet.net and mark your subject line "Community Calendar." There is no charge for posting an event in the calendar.

SATURDAYS THROUGH FEBRUARY

- There will be a free open gym for 1st - 5th graders every Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Zone Out Sports, located on Morris Court, just off Main Street in Hurricane.

NOW - FEBRUARY 9

- There will be a Goodwill Donation Drive Fundraiser at Valley Park in Hurricane to benefit the Putnam County Clover STEMs. The donation trailer will be unlocked from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 6

- The American Legion James E. Marshall Post 187 will have a Four Chaplains Memorial Service at 6:00 p.m. at the Winfield Presbyterian Church on Ferry Street, Winfield.

FEBRUARY 7

- For Such A Time As This: Lone Oak Church of God Mission, 1303 McLane Pike, Red House, will be holding a women's dinner starting at 6:30 p.m.

- Cross of Grace Lutheran Church will be holding a movie night featuring "Groundhog Day" at 6:30 p.m. at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley.

- Night to Shine, a prom for people with special needs, will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at The Bridge Church, 6496 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot.

- There will be a board game night from 6 to 10 p.m. at Game Grove, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center, Teays Valley.

- The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be holding Business Before Business from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley. RSVP by calling 304-757-6510.

- Quantum Sports Center, 223 Commerce Drive, Hurricane, holds TOTS FUN Zones for

children aged 1-6 every Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- There will be a foam dance party for ages 7-14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Foam Garage, 2716 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. The cost is \$10 per child. For more information, call (681) 235-2603.

FEBRUARY 8

- SpeakEasy Singles will be holding a Valentines Day Party from 7 to 10 p.m. at Valley Cakes & Cafe, 2887 Charleston Road, Poca. Featuring the Dixie Highway Band. RSVP by calling 304-807-9591.

- There will be a winter market vendor fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The 1267 Rentals, 17588 Charleston Road, Buffalo.

- The Kanawha River Catfish Club will be meeting from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Eleanor Fire Department.

- The Winfield Nazarene Church, 10822 Winfield Road, will be holding a food pantry from 9 a.m. to noon.

- There will be a Honey + Hues Paint Party from 4 to 6 p.m. at Teays Valley Church of God, Connection Point Drive, Scott Depot. Paint a flamingo sunset. The cost is \$25 per person. To register, call (304) 543-0609.

- Hard Reign will be performing at 8 p.m. at the Putnam County Moose, located at Putnam Village Shopping Center in Teays Valley.

- There will be a pop up Putnam Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley.

- The Crush Run Trail 10 miler, 5k run or hike, and Kids Run will start at 9 a.m. at Meeks Mountain Trails, Hurricane City Park. For more information, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Hurricane/MMTACrushRun>

- Lighthouse Baptist Church, located on Route 60 in Hurricane, will be holding a food pantry from 9 to 11 a.m.

- The 2025 Pinewood Derby hosted by Cub Scout Pack 236 will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

- There will be a foam dance party for ages 1-6 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Foam Garage, 2716 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. The cost is \$10 per child. For more information, call (681) 235-2603.

- There will be a Daddy Daughter Dance from 6 to 8 p.m. at River Ridge Church, Saturn Way, Hurricane. The cost is \$25 per person. To register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/daddy-daughter-dance-2025-tickets-1134732568659>

FEBRUARY 9

- The Putnam County Fair is hosting a Super Bowl Lunch fundraiser from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Eleanor Fire Department. The cost is \$7 per person.

- Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be holding Eagle Scout Sunday starting at 10:30 a.m. Cub Scout Pack 236 will be serving as greeters and ushers.

FEBRUARY 11

- Paint a Valentines-themed painting from 6 to 8 p.m. at Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro. The cost is \$35. For more information, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/painters-choice-love-birds-or-kitty-love->

Habitat for Humanity Makes

Call for Volunteers

By Habitat for Humanity of Kanawha & Putnam

The Habitat for Humanity affordable housing model is unique; we build houses and sell them to qualifying homebuyers with a 0% interest mortgage. In most cases, monthly homeownership costs are less than what the homeowner might have previously paid in rent. We help control our costs by leveraging the service of volunteers rather than paid contractors, but we can't do that without your help!

It's Easy and Free to Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity

Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity is a rewarding experience that offers personal growth, community connection, and a chance to make a tangible impact. You can volunteer as an individual or as a team; we are currently scheduling team builds for 2025. There is no cost to volunteer.

- Individual: To volunteer as an individual, go to hfhp.volunteerhub.com to browse the calendar and sign up! We build most weeks Tuesday through Saturday.

- Team: To schedule a team build, please send an E-mail to volunteer@hfhp.org to get the process started. We can work with you to schedule the date that would work best for your team

Not Convinced? Read further and maybe we can change your mind!

President Jimmy Carter and Habitat for Humanity

You've likely seen the many tributes to President Jimmy Carter in the news lately. President Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, first became involved with Habitat for Humanity in 1984 by participating in a team build near their hometown. That initial experience led to a decades-long involvement with Habitat. Even into his 90s, President Carter actively worked on construction sites; Carter's efforts have contributed to building or repairing over 4,000 homes. His service underscores the idea that anyone, regardless of age or profession, can make a difference in addressing poverty and housing insecurity. We have several regular volunteers in their 80s!

Affordable Housing in West Virginia

West Virginia faces a shortage of affordable housing, particularly for low to moderate income households. Many of

these households are cost-burdened, spending more than half of their income on housing; and, when housing is available, it is often low-quality that can put the residents at risk of their health and safety.

Here are Some Key Reasons to Consider Volunteering

Support Families in Need

- Many families in West Virginia face housing insecurity due to economic challenges. Habitat for Humanity helps provide safe, affordable homes to those in need, breaking the cycle of poverty and fostering stability.

Learn Valuable Skills

- Whether you're an experienced builder or a complete novice, Habitat projects provide hands-on opportunities to learn construction, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

Foster Community Connection

- Volunteering allows you to build relationships with fellow volunteers, homeowners, and local community members, strengthening bonds and creating lasting memories.

Address Critical Housing Needs

- West Virginia has one of the highest poverty rates in the U.S., and the need for affordable housing is significant. Your efforts can directly improve the living conditions of families and communities.

Personal Fulfillment

- Helping others is deeply rewarding. Seeing a family move into a home you helped build provides a sense of accomplishment and pride.

Flexible Opportunities

- Habitat offers various ways to get involved, from building homes to helping in ReStores, supporting fundraising efforts, or assisting with administrative tasks.

Advocate for Social Justice

- Habitat's mission extends beyond construction. By volunteering, you contribute to promoting equitable access to housing and addressing systemic barriers to affordable living.

Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity not only transforms the lives of others but also allows you to grow as an individual while contributing to a meaningful cause.

We hope that you will consider volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and leading a Team Build.

488 Charleys Creek Road, Culloden, will be holding a celebration of love and friendship from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

FEBRUARY 13

- The Galentine's Day Comedy show will start at 7 p.m. at The Garage, 3057 Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 14

- Gritt's Farm, 864 Gritt Road, Buffalo, will be hosting a Valentine's Date Night. The package costs \$170, and features flower arranging, dining, and live music. To register, go to <https://www.simplenetix.com/e/valentines-date-night-at-gritts-farm-tickets-201336>

- Go on an arctic expedition to engineer a dwelling for the abominable snowman at the Eleanor Library at 3 p.m. All ages welcome, elementary age encouraged.

- There will be an

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Living in Florida, on the Gulf of Mexico, south... I have never looked forward to Spring. Well, this is cold... No snow but cold and windy. My furnace is running. I can't sleep because I am not used to a furnace running. Don't laugh. It has been too long... It is supposed to start warming back up next week and the next. My daughter is here for about three weeks (she comes every other month or so... was here in December)... and it is cold. That is not to say it is like she is used to in Indiana, so for her, she isn't all that frigid... Mom is... I admit no winter coat yet, but I have layers... my friends just think I am funny...

Friends in WV, Ohio, and Indiana keep me up to date on their cold and wind chill factor. Yes, it is awful. I am glad I am not living in it, but I imagine one day, I will return to Indiana near family there. For now, I am living in Florida with family... in the past few years, I lived in Indiana three years... this is my fourth here... yes, of course, I miss WV, but needs must.

My daughter and I still do our errands, grab food in our favorite diners, and visit the little libraries to place used books for others. If I were in one of the above-mentioned states, I would be hibernating until the weather was better. That is what I did. In Indiana, the family

got my groceries... I did walk outside around the buildings for my miles/step... but driving, no... not safe...

Life goes on here. It is odd seeing others wearing knitted hats and puffy coats in the 40's... they are not used to it... even the dogs are wearing sweaters... I see some of the neighbors walking to one of the pools in this complex, and I thought they quit heating them. Mercy... I suppose the weather is what one makes of it.

School kids - little children should not be out in cold weather waiting on buses. I hope the schools in WV, as in other states, have made changes by delaying or canceling schools. 180 is not a magic number. The students will learn... 175 days or 200 days... just have to adjust to severe weather... the teachers, I am sure, have given the students assignments to do at home when they can't be in the classroom. The parents can follow up hopefully.

In the meantime, to my readers, stay safe and warm... work a puzzle... read a book... watch a show on Hulu or whatever... send some letters and/or cards... snail mail is still fun... and what a gift to receive... because the way we were is the way we are. Awww... I think Spring is around the corner, and guess what? This writer will see her beloved WV in the Spring...

West Virginia Poultry Exhibition And Sale Events Suspended

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) is suspending all poultry exhibitions, shows, swaps, meets, and sales at flea markets or auction markets in response to the ongoing threat of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). This decision follows recent HPAI confirmations in commercial poultry operations in multiple surrounding states, as well as a confirmed case in a backyard flock in Pocahontas County earlier this month. Additionally, federal and state wildlife agencies have detected the virus in wild bird populations through ongoing surveillance efforts.

"This is a serious threat to West Virginia's poultry industry which is the largest overall contributor to our state's animal industry economy - this action provides added safeguard," said West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "This nationwide outbreak has been ongoing since 2022, and we have worked closely with poultry industry stakeholders and

interactive Valentine murder mystery starting at 7 p.m. at Sugar Shenanigans, 722 First Avenue South, Suite A, Nitro. For more information and to register, call (304) 690-0826.

- There will be a board game night from 6 to 10 p.m. at Game Grove, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center, Teays Valley.

- Hurricane VFW 9097 Canteen, 3836 Teays Valley Road, will be hosting Valentine's Day "Dart-entine" dart throwing event starting at 7:30 p.m.

our interagency partners to prepare for and respond when needed to a West Virginia outbreak."

HPAI has been detected regionally in both commercial and backyard poultry flocks, with cases rising nationwide ahead of the spring migratory waterfowl season. For detailed information on HPAI detections in the United States, please refer to the Commercial, Backyard, & Wildlife cases in the United States (USDA APHIS). In early April, the overall HPAI status in the region will be reassessed with the possibility of resuming sales of poultry at markets.

As a reminder, to prevent the spread of the disease, WVDA urges poultry owners to:

- Limit, monitor, and record any movement of people, vehicles, or animals on or off the farm.

- Permit only essential workers and vehicles to enter the farm.

- Avoid visiting other poultry farms or unnecessary travel off the farm.

- Disinfect equipment, vehicles, footwear, and other items in contact with flocks.

- Change clothes before entering poultry areas and before exiting the property.

- Keep flocks away from wild or migratory birds, especially waterfowl.

- Isolate any ill animals and contact your veterinarian immediately.

For additional precautions against the virus, visit the CDC's Avian Influenza Guidance.

Poultry owners should report unusual death loss, a drop in egg production, or any sick domestic birds to WVDA's Animal Health Division at 304-558-2211.

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COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

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The county commission regularly allocates funds to the WVU Extension Service to support the annual 4-H Camp at Camp Vigil Tate in Kanawha County. Extension agent Raechel Neal asked the commission to increase its donation by \$5,000. Neal

said that the additional amount will make for a \$200 cost to campers for the one week camp. Last year the cost to campers was \$175.

In other action, the commission appointed Jacob Pack to the Putnam PSD Board; Brian Ellis, Vic Mays, David Mills, Travis Willard, and Glenn Yeager

to the Putnam County Planning Commission; and Doug Pierson to the Animal Shelter Board, the Parks and Recreation Board, and the Putnam County Criminal Justice Day Report Board.

The next regular county commission meeting is Tuesday, February 11, at 9:00 a.m.

Putnam Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between January 17, 2025, and January 31, 2025:

Elemental Resources LLC to Scott Depot Christ Fellowship Inc - Partial Lot, Putnam Gardens, Scott District for \$3,000.00.

Steven Nicholas to Melissa Parsons and Gail Schuman - Lot, North Woods, Eleanor District for \$7,500.00.

Elijah and Telisha Pauley to David Campbell and Christina Terry - Lot, Radwin Woods Subdivision, Winfield District for \$360,000.00.

Scary Creek Church of God to Xerxes Rahmati - 36.87 Acres, Scott District for \$44,500.00.

DHB LLC to Nissan and Sareka Gokool - Lot, alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$375,000.00.

James Hager to Josphe Hager - Parcel, Scott District for \$450,000.00.

WV State Auditor and Robert Hodges to H3 LLC - 1/2 of 17.35 Acres, 18 Mile Creek, Buffalo District for \$173.01.

WV State Auditor and Helen Gillispe to Maurine Demons - Lot, Nitro District for \$4,500.00.

WV State Auditor and Athalea Honaker to H3 LLC - Min 1/2 Int in 1/7 of 162 Acres, Salt Lick, Poca District for \$800.00.

Timothy and Melinda Whitlock to Aaron and Heidi Bridges - 7.85 Acres, Union District for \$195,500.00.

Thomas and Ruth Sergent to Fannie Tucker - Partial Lot, Hanshaw Addition, Poca Town District for \$45,877.00.

Rodney and Vicki Johnson to Pamela Hall - Lot, Teays Village, Scott District for \$312,500.00.

Shane and Elizabeth Harris to Rodney and Vicki Johnson - 1.00 Acre, Teays Valley District for \$399,000.00.

Thomas Burnside, Roger Burnside, Nicole Cartrette and Helen Burnside to Michaelle Gabehart - Two Lots, North Nitro Addition, Union District for \$148,000.00.

Elisea Abella to Nitalia Harris - Lot, Plantation Village, Teays Valley District for \$271,200.00.

Dale and Carrie Myers to Mark and Pamela Jones - Lot, Stone Gate Subdivision, Scott District for \$615,000.00.

Jonathan and Shannon Henderson to Robert Neeley and Brandy Perlac - Lot, Brierwood Estates, Scott District for \$333,000.00.

Philip Ross to Kelsey Thornton - Two Tracts, Windsong Acres, Scott District for \$275,000.00.

Dennis and Donna Cottrill to Ronald and Leanne Wheeler - Lot, Moss Creek, Hurricane District for \$364,000.00.

Christopher Hughes and Earl Hughes to Daniel Reidiger and Gabby Gorby - Parcel, Putnam Gardens, Scott District for \$429,044.00.

Matthew and Jessica Martin to Paul and Deborah Walker - 0.269 Acres, Winfield District for \$55,000.00.

Ryan Medeiros and Brenda Clagg to Danny Kennedy - Two Parcels, Piedmont Addition, Curry District for \$83,000.00.

George and Patricia

Hampton to Imothy and Beverly Graley - Parcel, Poca District for \$40,000.00.

Brian and Andrea Proper to Shane and Paige Harris - Lot, brierwood Estates, Scott District for \$400,000.00.

Eastland LLC to Scottie and Crystal Briscoe - Parcel, Scott District for \$142,000.00.

Susan Bonnett to Kevin Childers - 1/2 undivided interest 25 acres, Scott District for \$1,000.00.

WV State Auditor and Fred Cowell to Cato Energy LLC - 1 Acre, Union District for \$266.57.

Ann Marie Gritt and James and Ann Marie Gritt Revocable Trust to Matthew and Penelope Goff - 2.33 Acres, Buffalo District for \$168,000.00.

Ann Marie Gritt and James and Ann Marie Gritt Revocable Trust to Matthew and Penelope Goff - 1/14 Acres, Buffalo District for \$84,000.00.

Ann Marie Gritt and James and Ann Marie Gritt Revocable Trust to Matthew and Penelope Goff - 0.791 Acres, Buffalo District for \$40,000.00.

Ann Marie Gritt and James and Ann Marie Gritt Revocable Trust to Matthew and Penelope Goff - Four Lots, Midway Addition, Buffalo District for \$2,500.00.

Ann Marie Gritt and James and Ann Marie Gritt Revocable Trust to Matthew and Penelope Goff - Parcel, Buffalo District for \$202,600.00.

Ann Marie Gritt and James and Ann Marie Gritt Revocable Trust to Matthew and Penelope Goff - Four Lots, Fruth Addition, Buffalo District for \$2,900.00.

C R Development LLC to Hayes Brothers Construction LLC - Lot, Castleknock Ridge, Scott District for \$40,000.00.

WW Performance Horses LLC to Lionel and Cynthia Parsons - Parcel, Scott District for \$1,000.00.

Doris Roberts to Scott and Gail Noullet - Two Tracts, Curry District for \$25,000.00.

Andrew Beller, Dennis Beller, Diana Casdorff, Gladys Beller and Dennis Beller to Diversified Property Management LLC - Lot, Buffalo Town District for \$10,000.00.

Jeffrey and Cathy Morris to Off Grid Acres LLC - 5.81 Acres, Poca District for \$7,543.11.

EBE Investments Inc to Thor Read Estate LLC - Parcel, Winfield District for \$500,000.00.

Karen Haikal to Lambo Properties LLC - Lot, Nitro District for \$8,000.00.

Paul Blair, Jane Kurucz and Kurucz Management LLC to Prestige Park LLC - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$1,400,000.00.

Robert Frazier to 816 Holdings LLC - Two Tracts, Teays Valley District for \$40,000.00.

Tina Cobb Reedy to Trudy Acord - Lot, Berry Hills, Scott District for \$125,000.00.



The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Feb. 6, 1882: Poet Anne Spencer was born in Virginia but spent most of her youth in Bramwell, Mercer County. She became an acclaimed poet during the 1920s Harlem Renaissance. In 2000, two of her poems were included in the Library of America's anthology of 20th Century American poetry.

Feb. 6, 2007: Selva Lewis "Lew" Burdette, a native of Nitro, died in Florida. Burdette was an outstanding major league baseball player who spent most of his career with the Milwaukee Braves. He won three games in the 1957 World Series, helping

the Braves defeat the New York Yankees.

Feb. 7, 1867: West Virginia University was established by an act of the West Virginia legislature. The college, originally called the Agricultural College of West Virginia, opened its doors in September 1867.

Feb. 7, 1889: Nell Elizabeth "Pistol Nell" Walker was born at Sewell Mountain. Known as the "First Lady" of Fayette County, she served 12 terms as a member of the House of Delegates.

Feb. 8, 1892: Cartoonist Irvin Dugan was born in Huntington. For many years, his "Adam" cartoon character was a feature on the editorial pages of the Herald-Dispatch.

Feb. 8, 1915: Photographer Volkmar Kurt Wentzel was born in Dresden, Germany. He emigrated with his family

'Polar Plunge' Photos



Shawn Bayliss (right) has plunged in every Polar Plunge since Special Olympics moved from Charleston to Hurricane.



Christopher Wood was the only chicken not chicken to plunge.



The Blues Brothers, Jeff Meldrum and Mike Welser, drove from Michigan to Hurricane to make the plunge for Special Olympics.



Pictured are two of Many Valaries to make the plunge.

to the United States at age 11. As a teenager in West Virginia, Wentzel took up with an eclectic group of people who had retreated to Youghiogheny Forest,

a Preston County artist

Feb. 8, 1918: Medal of Honor recipient Herbert Joseph Thomas Jr. was born. He excelled as a

football halfback at South Charleston High School, and Herbert J. Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston is named for him.



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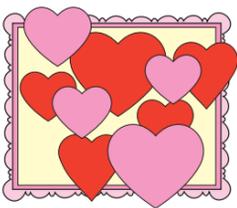
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Fillers Page

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Traumatizing?

By Velma Kitchens of Culloden

Traumatizing? This past summer I read the book *The Long Winter* by Laura Ingalls Wilder. I think I wrote about it when I read it again. I have read it several times but I like reading it in July or August as it is hot, humid, and breathtaking outside. Speaking of breathtaking, the weather in January started out not so good but has turned out OK as we are in a thaw, but we know winter is not over.

For three weeks, the rural roads were snow ice and more snow covered. The bus did not come to pick up children on my road and the garbage just came last Monday, but garbage is the least of the concerns. When I was young I did not think about falling on the ice but now that I am older I think about it. I usually have a walking stick with me to help me to my car. I did not go out for days as the roads were not good and the temperatures were so low the salt did not melt the ice.

Speaking of salt, everyone was sold out. When I did go out to the grocery store most of the table salt was sold out.

My mom would put table salt on a rock by her door and it did the trick, but she had to put almost the whole box. My driveway did get shoveled and I am amazed at the people who do not shovel and just go over the snow. When times get hard, one day at time does it.

We can be like the folks in the story *The Long Winter* and do the normal things day by day and trust the Lord it will get better - and it has. We can only take one day at a time. As one of my neighbors said, it can be traumatizing, and she is right! This weather does remind me of the winter of 78-79. I think this January has it beat! I'm glad for a phone as people can check on each other and see if they need anything. All I could do would be call 911!

We all have been through a rough few weeks and I hope we don't go through that again this winter. But there is a reason for all of this. I'm glad I can see the snow and it is pretty but on the roads and surfaces it can be dangerous.

Glad we all survived the ice. Alaska anyone?

Recipes

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

Honey Pecan Monkey Bread

4 1/2 - 5 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup sugar
2 envelopes Rapid Rise Yeast
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup butter or margarine
2 large eggs
1 cup honey
1 cup walnuts, chopped

In large bowl, combine 2 cups flour, sugar, undissolved yeast and salt. Heat water, milk and 5 tablespoons butter until very warm (120-130 degrees); stir into flour mixture. Stir in eggs and enough remaining flour to make soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 6-8 minutes. Cover; let rest on floured surface 10 minutes.

Divide dough into 32 pieces; roll into balls. Melt remaining 3 tablespoons butter; dip balls of dough in melted butter. Layer 1/2 cup honey, 1/2 cup walnuts and 16 dough balls in bottom of greased 10" tube pan with a non-removable bottom. Repeat layers one time. Top with remaining 1/2 cup of honey and 1/2 cup of walnuts. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 30-40 minutes.

Bake at 375 degrees for 35 minutes or until done, covering with aluminum foil during the last 10 minutes to prevent excess browning. Let cool in pan on rack 10 minutes. Invert onto serving plate.

Caramel Apple Dessert

60 Nilla wafers, finely crushed (about 2 cups)
1/2 cup butter, melted
1 pkg. (8 oz.) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
1/4 cup sugar
3 1/4 cups milk, divided
1 tub (8 oz.) cool whip whipped topping, thawed, divided
2 pkg. (3.4 oz.) Jello vanilla instant pudding
1/2 cup caramel ice cream topping, divided
1 each red and green apple chopped
1/4 cup peanuts, chopped

Mix wafer crumbs and butter; press into bottom of 13x9 pan. Beat cream cheese, sugar and 1/4 cup milk with mixer until well blended. Stir in 1 cup cool whip. Spread over crust.

Beat pudding mixes and remaining milk with whisk 2 minutes. Stir in 1/4 cup caramel topping. Spoon over cream cheese layer; top with remaining Cool Whip.

Refrigerate 5 hours or until firm. Top with apples, nuts and remaining caramel topping before serving.

Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda
Lavender Armstead



Upon waking one morning, Brigitte told her husband "Last night I dreamed you gave me a diamond necklace for our anniversary. What do you think that means?"

"Wait until tonight," her husband answered sweetly.

That evening Brigitte excitedly opened a neatly wrapped box and found a little book entitled, "Meaning of dreams."

Eight-year-old Joyce brought her report card home from school. Her marks were mostly A's and B's. However, her teacher had written across the bottom: "Joyce is a smart little girl, but she has one fault. She talks too much in school. I have an idea I am going to try, which I think may break her of the habit."

Joyce's dad signed her report card, putting a note on the back: "Please let me know if your idea works on Joyce because I would like to try it on her mother."

What vegetable did Noah leave off the ark?
Leeks.

A husband was in bed, knowing he was dying. His wife and banker were sitting by his side. He had his wife promise that she would put his money in a jar with a lid on it and set it upstairs so when he died, he could grab it on the way up.

After he died, his money was still sitting there because he went down instead.

Sam went door-to-door looking for work. One homeowner handed Sam a brush and a can of paint and offered him \$150 to paint his porch.

Sam came back a few hours later and said, "I'm finished. But you should know that your car is a Corvette, not a Porsche."

Why don't cats like online shopping?

They prefer a catalogue.

Fillers Contributors Wanted

The Hurricane Breeze always needs Fillers Page contributors. We would like to print your recipes, inspirational sayings, poems, clean jokes, fun facts, and other submissions.

Please send contributions to The Hurricane Breeze Fillers Page, PO Box 310, Hurricane, WV 25526.

You can also email submissions to breezenews@citynet.net

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Respect yourself enough to know you deserve the very best.

Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories.

Don't allow someone to make you feel like you're not good enough.

The world around you is beautiful when the world within you is peaceful.

True happiness is when you feel good about yourself without the need for anyone else's approval.

Just because I don't react, doesn't mean I didn't notice.

No matter how much you revisit the past, there's nothing new to see.

Learn to sit back and observe. Not everything needs a reaction.

The next time you don't know what to do, remember, God always does.

With confidence, you have won before you have started.

There are a lot of jealous people with friendly faces. Be careful.

Never trust your fears; they don't know your strength.

Don't feel guilty for doing what's best for you.

It's better to walk away, than to tolerate nonsense.

Life so often arrives all of a sudden.

In a Christian home, there's something special. It's called grace.

Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced.

When you learn to accept instead of expect, you have fewer disappointments.

If you spend too much time thinking about a thing, you'll never get it done.

Act the way you'd like to be and soon you'll be the way you you'd like to act.

When you are enthusiastic about what you do, you feel a positive energy.

Too many people overvalue what they are not and undervalue what they are.

To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance. - Oscar Wilde

When you say "yes" to others make sure you are not saying "no" to yourself.

Some people will burn the bridge, then ask why you don't visit.

Self-care doesn't necessarily mean jogging.

Be the heroine of your life, not the victim.

You can always find love in a doggy's eyes.

People can have the same parents, live



in the same house and be raised by the same morals. But one can still be a crackhead and the other one a preacher, so you can't say it was how somebody was raised. It's the decisions you choose to make.

Teenagers: tired of being harassed by your stupid parents? Act now! Move out, get a job, pay your own bills while you still know everything.

My mouth is not a bakery. I don't sugar coat anything. If you ask for my opinion I'm going to tell you the truth.

Interest works night and day in fair weather and in foul weather. It gnaws at a man's substance with invisible teeth. - Henry Ward Beecher

I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me every day. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.

Fake friends are like pennies. Two-faced and worthless. True friends are like bras. They pick you up when you are hanging low.

When another person makes you suffer, it is because he suffers deeply within himself, and his suffering is spilling over.

We all need a daily check up from the neck up to avoid thinking which ultimately leads to hardening of the attitudes.

Blame often arises from a desire to deflect responsibility, rather than addressing the issue.

Your position in church is not your relationship with God. You can have a position in church and no real relationship with God.

What is a friend? A single soul dwelling in two bodies. - Aristotle

A jealous family member is more dangerous than a hateful enemy.

Wellness is not a one-size fits all approach; tailor it to your unique needs.

A friend is the one who adds meaning to the chapters of your life story.

If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things. - Albert Einstein

A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd. - Max Lucado

Every strike brings me closer to the next home run. - Babe Ruth

You can't have a million dollar dream with a minimum wage work ethic.

In the puzzle of life, a friend is the missing piece that completed you.

You just can't beat the person who never gives up. - Babe Ruth

A boat doesn't go forward if each one is rowing their own way.

Whatever you are, be a good one. - Abraham Lincoln

Greatness only comes before hustle in the dictionary.

Those who don't believe in magic will never find it.

Opportunities don't happen. You create them.

Dear Mother Nature, having received my free sample of winter, I would like to cancel the remainder of my subscription. Thank you.

You know it's going to be a bad day when your four-year-old announces that it's almost impossible to flush a grapefruit.

Everybody says they want to be free. Take the train off the tracks and it's free - but it can't go anywhere.

Working hard for something we don't care about is called stress. Working hard for something with love is called passion.

Be the type of energy that no matter where you go, you always add value to the spaces and lives around you.

When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on. - Franklin D. Roosevelt

Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent.

Write it in your heart that every day is the best day in the year. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

If you want to make your dreams come true, the first thing you have to do is wake up.

In life, it's important to know when to stop arguing with people and simply let them be wrong.

I wonder what the part of my brain that used to store people's phone numbers is doing now.

Time doesn't really heal anything. It just teaches us how to live and learn from the pain.

In the book of life, a friend is the chapter that you never want to end.

The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problem.

Bible Verse



Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

— 1 Peter 3:9

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
3321 Heizer Creek Road, Poca, WV 25159
 In a Deed of Trust dated June 24, 2021, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 1292, at page 1 Jason M. Jarrell and Sarah E. Farmer did convey unto Metz Law Office, PLLC., Trustee, certain real property. The beneficial holder of that Deed of Trust has elected to appoint Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc. as substitute trustees by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. Default having occurred under the Deed of Trust and the beneficial holder having instructed the undersigned Trustees to foreclose, this real property will be sold at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Putnam County Courthouse, Winfield, WV 25213 on:

**April 3, 2025
At 10:30 AM**

The property for sale as described by the Deed of Trust is as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING SITUATE IN POCA DISTRICT PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS.

BEGINNING AT A STONE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE CREEK, IN A LINE OF J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM, NOW OR TWEEDY OWNED BY JOHN MASSIE; THENCE LEAVING SAID LINE AND RUNNING UP THE HILL, N. 15 DEG. W 6 POLES TO A STONE THENCE 71-1/2 DEG E. 10-1/2 POLES TO A STONE, THENCE S. 27 DEG. E. 5 PILES TO A STONE IN SAID J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM LINE AND WITH THE SAME EAST 11-1/2 POLES TO THE BEGINNING, CONTAINING ABOUT SIXTY (60) SQUARE POLES. MORE OR LESS.

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The purchaser will take the property subject to all exceptions, reservations, rights of way, easements, conditions, covenants, restrictions, leases and other servitudes of record, if any, pertaining to said real property.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any transfer stamp, excise taxes, and recording costs associated with recording the Trustee's Deed into their name.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any unpaid property taxes owed to the Sheriff of Putnam County prior to or following the sale directly to the Sheriff.

The purchaser will take the property subject to any deed of trust, judgment, lien, and any other encumbrance having priority over the deed of trust referred to herein.

The purchaser will take the property subject to any deed of trust, judgment, lien, and any other encumbrance that is junior ("junior claims") to this Deed of Trust and to which sufficient notice was not given. In that case, unless such right to notice is waived, the chain of title shall not merge with this Deed of Trust as to those unnoticed deeds of trust, judgments, liens, and other encumbrances and will be subject to a further noticed and published sale under this Deed of Trust pursuant to W.Va. Code 38-1-4, in which bidding shall resume at the last highest bid given. In the event of a surplus of such sale, the mortgagors and noticed junior lienholders are hereby on notice that if such surplus is less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), then the Substitute Trustee will disburse those proceeds to the most senior interest holder as it sees fit, unless an objection is made in writing.

The Trustees do not guarantee or represent that the boundaries described above are accurate, are not encroached upon, or that any particular structure located on the property is contained within the described boundaries. The property is therefore sold subject to an accurate survey at purchaser's expense.

The Trustees reserve the right to adjourn the sale, for a time, or from time to time, by announcement at the time and place of sale described above or any adjournment thereof. Such adjournment will be noticed by posting a notice at the front door of the county courthouse or where such notices are traditionally posted at the county courthouse. Such notice will include the date and time when such sale will reconvene.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids for any reason. The Trustees make no representations as to the condition of the property. The property will be sold in "AS IS" condition.

The Trustees make no representations as to whether the property is occupied. The purchaser is responsible for gaining access and possession of the property. Trustees shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

The purchaser may assign its rights prior to the delivery of the trustee's deed by a signed request in writing to the trustee; the assignee of the purchaser shall be bound by all terms and conditions applicable to the purchaser.

The Trustees will deliver a trustee's deed to the purchaser without any covenant or warranty (express or implied) in the form prescribed by W. Va. Code 38-1-6. The Trustees make no representations and warranties about the title of the real estate to be conveyed. If the Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title to purchaser for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit.

TERMS OF SALE: Purchaser must bring \$6000 cash in hand at the time of sale as a deposit in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to "Stern & Eisenberg, PC, counsel for Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc." Those appearing without their deposit will not be allowed to bid. The balance of the successful purchaser's bid must be proffered in cash within 30 days of the date of the sale. Purchaser shall pay for transfer stamps and recording fees. Additional terms of sale may be announced prior to the sale.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

**IN RE:
EVELYN FERN BLACKWELL HUNTER,
a protected person
Case No. CC-40-2025-G-2**

The object of the above-styled action is to determine whether a guardian and/or conservator should be appointed for the alleged protected person. It appearing by the filed Petition in this action that petitioners are without knowledge as to the existence or whereabouts of the alleged protected person's sister, Sharon Blackwell Morton. A hearing is to be held on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. at the Putnam County Judicial Building, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213.

A copy of the Petition for the Appointment of a Guardian/Conservator can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 17th day of January, 2025.

STEPHANIE SMITH, CLERK
 CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY

By: sy
 Deputy

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated May 5, 2009, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Document No. 002670260012, in Book No. 901, at Page 640 and modified in Document No. 003453790008, in Book No. 1041, at Page 876 and modified in Document No. 003801980008, in Book No. 1095, at Page 303 and modified in Document No. 004257470008, in Book No. 1171, at Page 802 and modified in Document No. 004577800009, in Book No. 1208, at Page 649, Steven W Short and Shelley D Short did convey unto Lisa Moye, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on

March 11, 2025 at 11:30 AM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 13 - Winfield Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Winfield Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:
 BEING known, numbered and designated as all of Lot Number Eighteen (18) of the Riverview Subdivision, as the same is shown upon a map of said Subdivision made by C.B. Holsclaw and John A. Holsclaw, Civil Engineers, and duly of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Map Book 2, at pages 74 and 75.

AND BEING THE SAME property conveyed unto Steven W. Short and Shelley D. Short, husband and wife, by Jerome W. Johnson by Deed dated the 5th day of May, 2009, said Deed to be recorded simultaneously herewith.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 21 Elm Street AKA 139 Elm Street, Winfield, WV 25213.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: \$9000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The Putnam County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 6:30 pm in Room 221 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV in order to conduct regular business and hold the following public hearing(s):

Diesel Drilling Corp. has submitted a Zoning Variance application for parcel 32.6 of tax map 162 in regard to Article 1200 - Parking, Loading, and Internal Roadways and Article 1300 - Landscaping and Screening of the adopted Zoning Ordinance. The applicant proposes a site design that has 2.06 acres of gravel to accommodate all access, parking, maneuverability, staging, outdoor storage, and loading/unloading activities

- Article 1300.05A requires a six foot tall fence, wall, or earthen mound/berm AND six evergreen trees, plus four deciduous trees, plus eight shrubs for every 75 lineal feet OR 12 evergreen trees, plus four deciduous trees, plus 14 shrubs for every 75 lineal feet of screening area when any industrial use in the Light Industrial District is proposed to abut any non-industrial land use. The applicant requests to solely use the existing eight +/- foot tall earthen mound/berm (no tree or shrub planting) as a screening device.
- Article 1200.03A requires driveways and areas used for loading, parking, and internal roadways for nonresidential land uses to have a surface which is durable, all weather, and paved of either asphalt or concrete. The applicant requests these areas to be gravel.
- Article 1200.03J(4) requires raised island (minimum four feet wide and minimum four inch tall curb) to be installed around the perimeter of all parking areas and at the end of all parking aisles. Raised islands are to be bordered by concrete or rolled asphalt curb. Curb within raised islands shall be covered with decorative stones, mulch grass, shrubs, or other natural vegetative materials, or a combination thereof. The applicant requests to construct no raised islands.
- Article 1200.04B requires a contractor and building supplies use to have one space for each 500 square feet of floor area. The proposed structure is 6,000 square feet. Twelve compliant parking spaces (Reference Article 1200.06C for parking space size) are required. The applicant requests no delineated parking spaces.

The subject property is located at 200 Vaughn Drive in Fraziers Bottom and is currently proposed to be developed as a contractor and building supply use. The parcel is zoned "I-1" Light Industrial. All interested parties are invited to attend. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Planning Commission office at (304) 586-0237.

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To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following deceased persons estates:
 I have before me the estates of the deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates as listed below:

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To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following deceased persons estates:
 I have before me the estates of the deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates as listed below:

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 Estate Of: Joyce Ann Catlin
 Executor: Kenneth E Catlin
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Estate No.: 5910
 Estate Of: Roy Lee Green
 Administratrix: Rosa Fisher
 77 Canal Lane
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Estate No.: 5980
 Estate Of: Helen Ann Hoffman
 Executor: Steven B Hoffman
 137 Quiet Way
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Estate No.: 5946
 Estate Of: Shirlee Frances Lively
 Executrix: Lisa A Estes
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 Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5849
 Estate Of: Harold Alan Morris
 Executrix dbn: Mylissa Spradling
 70 Riverbend Boulevard
 St. Albans, WV 25177

Estate No.: 5982
 Estate Of: Kenneth Edward Shank
 Executor: Michael Edward Shank
 3413 Virginia Avenue
 Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5454
 Estate Of: Brenda K Sprouse
 Administrator: Dana Sprouse
 4517 First Ave.
 Nitro, WV 25143

All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of February 6, 2025, or, if not, to exhibit the same at the office of the undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor at the address shown below by said date; otherwise any or all such claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). No claims against the estate shall be accepted by the fiduciary supervisor after said date. All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.

All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of February 6, 2025.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 30th day of January 2025.
 Fiduciary Supervisor
 Putnam County Commission
 10293 Winfield Road,
 Winfield, WV 25213

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2022-C-000212 - Putnam County To: EDITH COCKERHAM, EDITH COCKERHAM, EDITH COCKERHAM, C/O GALLAGHER & STULL, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT POCA MAP 197
PARCEL 0081 0000 0000**

You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000212**, located in POCA District, 20 AC LHF, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of COCKERHAM EDITH M, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 19, 2023. WVTA LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after April 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 14204 \$477.22

Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number \$0.00 Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2022-14213. \$401.43
 Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$218.20
 Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$699.31
 Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$346.08
 Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$2,142.24

You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand January 30, 2025
Christal G. Perry
 Christal G. Perry

Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of PUTNAM County, State of West Virginia

Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 1, Room W-114, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

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To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following deceased persons estates:
 I have before me the estates of the deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates as listed below:

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Co-Executor: Joel K Arthur
 2063 Mt. Etna Ridge Rd
 Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 5908
 Estate Of: Dorothy aka Dorothy Ann Barr
 Executrix: PO Box 464
 Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 5564
 Estate Of: Dorsel Howard Cobb Jr.
 Administratrix Dbn: Ashley D Fronda
 108 5th Street N.
 St. Albans, WV 25177

Estate No.: 5903
 Estate Of: Cecil Blair Gravely
 Executrix: Angela B Gravely
 White
 1256 Saddlecreek Drive
 Milton, WV 25541

Estate No.: 5968
 Estate Of: Edward Lee Howard
 Executrix: Carrie L Shaffer
 PO Box 65
 Liberty, WV 25124

Estate No.: 5926
 Estate Of: Sharon Rebecca Oxley
 Executrix: Judith G Romano
 464 Scott Depot Rd
 Scott Depot, WV 25560

All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of January 30, 2025, or, if not, to exhibit the same at the office of the undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor at the address shown below by said date; otherwise any or all such claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). No claims against the estate shall be accepted by the fiduciary supervisor after said date. All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.

All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of January 30, 2025.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 23rd day of January 2025.
 Fiduciary Supervisor
 Putnam County Commission
 10293 Winfield Road,
 Winfield, WV 25213

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West Virginia University 2024

Fall Semester President's List

The following Putnam County students were named to the WVU President's List for the 2024 Fall Semester:

Fraziers Bottom:
 Abigail Judy, Hannah Parker
 Hurricane: Brayleigh Brown, Madelynn Clark, Abigail Edwards, Nicholas Goad, Madison Goff, Erin Hefner, Kaitlyn Hoffman, Caroline Jordan, Sara Lusher,

Kaden McEldowney, Alexander Sayre, Robert Wright
 Nitro: Kaitlyn Donalson, Nicolas Henson
 Scott Depot: Ashton Amburgey, Jayna Elliott, Camille Frye, Jasmine Phillips, Adam Purdy, Spencer Rheinlander, Daniel Toney
 Winfield: Justin Cox, Nicholas Elmore, Jessica Griffith, Paige Morris, Diana Wright

West Virginia University 2024

Fall Semester Dean's List

The following Putnam County students were named to the WVU Dean's List for the 2024 Fall Semester:

Culloden: Paige Bradley, Lilian Haught, Olivia Haught
 Fraziers Bottom: Alec Hanshaw
 Hurricane: Landen Bach, Jayson Barnett, Alfred Biju, Cody Burton, Yimin Cai, Emily Cecil, Jackson Clark, Riley Coulter, Daniel Curtis, Sarah Daugherty, Leila Davis, Sydney Fleece, Joshua Ford, Isabella Fuentes, Miah Green, Emma Gress, Chase Hager, Audrey Hall, Shayla Hall, Isabella Hart, Jay Huff, Carter Leadmon, Brody Lester, Presley Lucas, Carly Mann, Ian Martin, Tracy Martin, Kara Meadows, Morgan Miller, Alyssa Mize, Madeline Moore, Scott Nichols, Alexander Olivero, Matthew Olivero, Madeline Perry, Brynna Price, Alexander

Sayre, Erin Signorelli, Olivia Stewart, Reece Sutphin, Tanner Sutphin, Caitlynn Szul, Tryn Thomas, Lillian Tolliver, Logan Westfall
 Poca: Luke Withrow
 Red House: Chloe Hale
 Scott Depot: Ashton Amburgey, Isaac Arthur, Carmen Bartilson, Peyton Bielinski, Tammy Cote, Jillian Fluharty, Tanner Laughery, Sarah Lipscomb, Asa Lyvers, Savannah Maynard, Emily Miller, Emma Pendleberry, Kendyl Powell, Spencer Rheinlander, William Smith, Aubrey Snyder, Kyndall Thomas

Winfield: Karson Bastug, Madison Conley, Bhavana Dakshinamoorthy, Mia Duterte, Grant Fisher, Nathan Frederick, Wyatt Moore, Lakin Patton, Benjamin Seabolt

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Notice of Public Hearings

The Putnam County Planning Commission will meet on **Thursday, February 27th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** in Room 221, of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV **-OR-** in Conference Room 105 of the Sheriff's Department Building to conduct a regular Meeting and hold the following public hearings:

Proposed Text Amendment 2025-02:

Mr. David Mills, President of the Putnam County Planning Commission has applied for a text amendment to amend *The Zoning Ordinance for the Zoned Unincorporated Areas of Putnam County, WV - Article 150.02 - Definition of Terms* by adding a definition for "Laydown Yard." All interested parties are invited to attend and will be granted an opportunity to speak.

Proposed Text Amendment 2025-03:

Mr. David Mills, President of the Putnam County Planning Commission has applied for a text amendment to amend *The Zoning Ordinance for the Zoned Unincorporated Areas of Putnam County, WV - Article 800.02 - Permitted Principle Uses within the "I-1" Light Industrial District* to include "Laydown Yard." All interested parties are invited to attend and will be granted an opportunity to speak.

Proposed Text Amendment 2025-04:

Mr. David Mills, President of the Putnam County Planning Commission has applied for a text amendment to amend *The Zoning Ordinance for the Zoned Unincorporated Areas of Putnam County, WV - Article 1700.17 - Requirements for Unique Land Uses* to include "Laydown Yard." All interested parties are invited to attend and will be granted an opportunity to speak.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: Change of Name from Samantha Dawn Thornton to Samantha Dawn Paxton

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 25-P-6
Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of February, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip M. Stowers, Cheryl Paxton will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing her granddaughter's name from Samantha Dawn Thornton to Samantha Dawn Paxton, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice or publication. A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office at 12093 Winfield Road, Ste. 12, Winfield, WV 25213.

ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this 24th day of January, 2025.
 Stephanie M. Smith
 Putnam County Circuit Clerk

1-30-2t

Putnam County Marriages

The following marriages were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk during the month of January:

Adam Rueben Napier to Ashley Nichole Nease
 Austin Kendall Dingess to Megan Marie Conley
 Wesley Allen Plumley to Lauren Gibson Nichols
 Charles Michael McKNeely to Karen Suzanne Casto

Joseph Wayne Breeden to Ashtyn Tyler Petersen
 Roger Lee Dillon to Carol Lyn Shelhammer
 Kane Alfred Harris to Sahara Brooke Assi
 Sharon Suzanne Bell to Melissa Dawn Nash
 Richard Lee Dean to Kira Moon Long
 Cody Allan Oldaker to April Lynn Douglas

Donald Leslie Jordan to Susan Faye Bonnett
 Christopher Michael Santangelo to Cheryl Yvonne Kingrey
 Darian Clay Bird to Gracie Ann Flowers
 Bobby Ray Holmes to Melody Jo Bailey
 James Adam Gibson to Melissa Ann Isaacs

Marriage Licenses were issued to the following individuals during January which marriages were not recorded as of January 31, 2025:

Ashley Owen Harper to Summer Nichole Schoolcraft



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Weekly Scripture Reading

Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts	John
13.36-52	14.1-28	15.1-21	15.22-41	16.1-15	16.16-40	2.1-25

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Fellowship and Sharing Among Believers

Acts 2:43-47; 4:32-35

The two passages before us record instances in which believers were of one accord. Being of one accord and holding all things in common (2:44, 4:32), they sold all that they possessed and gave the proceeds to be distributed according to need (2:45, 4:35).

The make up of those of one accord in Acts 2 is somewhat different from the make up of those of one accord in Acts 4. In Acts 2, we read, "And fear came upon every soul" (v. 43). In this instance, fear was the response to the events which every soul had experienced. Every soul had heard Peter preach Jesus of Nazareth, approved of God, crucified and raised from the dead as stated in scripture (Ps. 16:23-31). Every soul experienced a pricking of his or her heart (v. 37). Every soul received the preached word and was baptized. There were about three thousand in number (v. 41). Every soul continued in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayers (v. 42). Every soul which responded to Peter's preaching was present in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. Three thousand Jews and proselytes from distant lands heard the wonderful works of God spoken in their native tongues (v. 10-11). Without the miracle of tongues on Pentecost, these Jews and proselytes would not have heard and would have gone their individual ways.

In Acts 4, "the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul" (v. 32). The number in this multitude was about five thousand (v. 4). The five thousand came to be of one accord because they heard and believed that which Peter declared in Acts 3:12-26. They heard Peter because they were listening. They had just witnessed a great miracle. They saw one who had been lame from birth (3:2) who had been laid daily at the temple gate arise and walk. They heard Peter say, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (3:6). They knew the man who rose and walked to be the person whom they had seen lying at the temple gate, year in and year out, as they entered the temple to worship the Lord God. The five thousand were devout Jews who dwelt in Jerusalem. They heard Peter proclaim Jesus, the Son of God, rejected and denied, crucified, and raised from the dead. They heard, they believed and were moved to be of one accord.

Being of one accord means being bound together in mutual support, respect, and love. It means loving one another. It means being joined with Christ who commended His love toward us while we were yet sinners. It is a marvelous thing to cast the world aside and abide in Him and He in us.

Concerning the selling of all that they possessed and distributing it according to need — Believing that Jesus is the Holy One sent from God is cause for action and a change in thinking.

Both the three thousand at Pentecost and the five thousand that heard and believed were devout Jews. As such, they recited the Shema several times daily. With their mouths they said, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart" (Deut. 6:4-5). They spoke these words but in their hearts they knew that they had failed to do as the law required.

Both the three thousand and the five thousand knew that they were to love thy neighbor as thy self (Lev. 19:18). They knew, again, that they had failed to do as the Lord required.

The three thousand and the five thousand received the good news: Jesus of Nazareth, the Holy One of God, satisfied the law, not for Himself, but for them. Jesus had fulfilled the words of the prophets. Jesus was "cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was he stricken" (Isa. 53:8) and made an offering for sin.

The commandments which they could not keep out of duty, Jesus kept out of love. Jesus had made them free from the law which they could not keep. They now, moved by the love of God, were empowered to love thy neighbor as thy self. They were empowered by His love to become vessels of His will.

This scripture exists for God's purposes. We know that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. We know that it is His will that we should go, teach, and baptize. We know God's will.

We cannot, however, make ourselves vessels of His love by self will. We, like the three thousand and the five thousand, must repent of self-effort and receive the fullness of His love. It is by His love alone that we can do as He so dearly desires of us.

May the Lord add to the church daily.

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Obituaries

JESSE WAYNE BUCK

Jesse Wayne Buck, 43, of Leon, passed away Sunday, February 2, 2025, at his home following a long illness. He was a 2000 graduate of Point Pleasant High School. Jesse worked as an auto mechanic and was great at his job. He loved to spend time outdoors hunting and fishing. He loved his wife and children and will be deeply missed.

Born August 7, 1981, he was the son of Rodney "Butch" Buck of Buffalo and the late Ava "Donna" Buck. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by mother-in-law, Connie Mitchem.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Laura Buck; children, Hunter Gage Buck, Braedon Wayne Buck and Jacob Emerson Buck all of Leon; sister, Tonja Klinger of Pt. Pleasant; niece, Courtney (Austin) Hissom; nephew, Chad Klinger; great nieces, Baileigh and Addison. Jesse is also survived by special nieces, Jasmine Williams, Samatha and Chrissy Johnson along with several extended family and friends.

Memorial service will be held at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home in Buffalo.

KENNETH RAY CARTWRIGHT

Kenneth Cartwright, 71,

of Poca, passed away on January 21, 2025, at home, of cardiac arrest. He was a 1971 graduate of Poca High School and a 1974 graduate of WV State College.

Kenneth was retired from WVDEP, where he was an environmental inspector. Formally, he worked various positions at Charleston Police Dept. Also, as a Conservation Officer at WV DNR and a Deputy at Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William "Boo" Jr and Wanda Gibson Cartwright. Surviving are his sister, Pat Priddy (Clayton) of Scott Depot, two nephews, one niece, three great nephews and one great niece.

Honoring Kenneth's wishes, no service will be held.

NATHAN M COBB

Nathan M. Cobb, of Buffalo, peacefully entered the presence of his Lord and Savior on January 23 at the age of 42. Beloved father, husband, son, brother and friend, he is survived by his devoted wife Ashley, two beautiful and loving children, Tyler and Hannah, parents Oatis and Cathy Cobb, sister Katrina (Joe) Harmon and nephews Nathaniel, Brody and niece Mia. And cherished best friend Charlie (Valerie) Cain.

They are surrounded in comfort by extended family,

as well as Nathan's host of friends and Christian family that enriched his journey of life.

Nathan was a graduate of Buffalo High School Class of 2001 and proudly graduated from Liberty University with a degree in Theology & Seminary Studies and additional Bachelor's degree in Fire, Service & Emergency Management.

He had the great privilege to preach God's word in several churches throughout the state and loved to sing beautiful traditional gospel songs.

"Blue" was a former employee of Institute Chemical Plants and dedicated many volunteer hours as Buffalo Fire Department Assistant Chief. He proudly served as an advance fire instructor at Texas A&M for 3 summers.

Most importantly, he lived his life in constant pursuit of Christ. First saved on August 11, 1989 he attended Cross Creek Community Church and was joyously baptized October 21, 2007.

He strived to show others the light of God by sharing the good news of Matthew 7:7 - A-S-K: Ask, Seek, Knock.

Funeral service was Thursday, January 30, 2025 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Joe Scarberry officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

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BETTY (LORRIE) COOPER

Betty Loraine "Lorrie" Gillenwater Cooper, 68, of Scott Depot, passed away peacefully February 1, 2025, at Hubbard Hospice House West surrounded by her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Caroll Waren (Billy) Gillenwater and Juanita Gillenwater, brother, Denny Gillenwater, sisters, Judy Gillenwater and Karen Lovejoy, and niece Holly Gillenwater.

She is survived by her daughters, Trista Cooper (Eric), Tracie Wade (Billy), sons, Shane Cooper (Tonya), and Travis Cooper, brothers, Steve Gillenwater, Billy Joe Gillenwater, Jason Gillenwater (Shelly), grandchildren Kody, Zachary, William, Corey, Gracie (Will), Hunter, Ali, Hayden, and Cameron, Great Grandchildren, Hadley and Grayson, several nieces, nephews and extended family.

Graveside service was Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at Orchard Hills Cemetery, Sumnerco, with Pastor Richard McCallister officiating.

TERESA ANN GILLISPIE

Teresa Ann Gillispie, 56, of Poca, passed away January 26, 2025, in CAMC Memorial.

Teresa was born May 22, 1968, in Charleston to the late Sam and Gertrude Payne. She is also preceded in death by her brothers Richard, Jerry, and Samuel Payne. Teresa loved the outdoors and was a former housekeeper at Tri-State Gaming Center.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Ricky Gillispie; children Tonya Ann Walker and Ricky D. Gillispie, Jr.; sisters Mildred Menchaca and Cindy Hall; and four grandchildren Morgan Faith Gillispie, Justin Donovan Ranson, Kayleigh Ann Gillispie and Donavon Gillispie.

A tribute to the life of Teresa was held Thursday, January 30, 2025 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Schowen Cemetery, Bancroft.

WANDA P. HESCHT

Wanda P. Hesch, 86, of Eleanor, passed away

Monday, January 27, 2025 at St. Mary's Medical Center. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eleanor, and former Town Recorder for the Town of Eleanor.

Born February 21, 1938, in Eleanor, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Sylvia Pickens. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by son-in-law, Edward Yates; brother, Elida L. Pickens; sister, Lorraine Arbaugh, and an infant sister; and a brother-in-law, Robert Arbaugh.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Dale Hesch, Sr.; her children, Pamela Yates of Cross Lanes, Deborah Mallory of Nitro, Dale Hesch, Jr. of Eleanor, and Carolyn (Robbie) Smith of Red House; grandchildren, Renee Townsend, Edward Yates, Shane (Natasha) Yates, Jarrett (Taylor) Smith, Joel Smith, Bobbie Jo Hesch, Kayla Mallory, Jacob Mallory, and Joni Smith; great-grandchildren, Charlie, Levi, Christian, Kenzie, Ryan, Hailey, Mikey, Kaisley, Langston, and Owen; as well as her beloved dog, Ru Ru.

Funeral service was Friday, January 31, 2025 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor David Panaro, Jr. officiating. Burial was in Beech Grove Cemetery, Eleanor.

RONALD WAYNE HIGH

Ronald Wayne High, 69, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully on January 30, 2025. A devoted member of First United Baptist Church of Hurricane, Ron had a deep and abiding passion for his faith. Despite life's hardships, Ron always had a good joke ready and a smile to share. He found joy in basketball, laughter, and making sure his nieces and nephews were happy, healthy, and just ornery enough.

Ron is survived by his loving brother, Stephen High of Hurricane, and his sister, Sandy Bragg (Darrell) of Granville, OH. He will be deeply missed by his niece and nephews: Andrea Silhanek of Johnstown, OH; Matthew High of Hurricane; Todd High of Frazeyburg, OH; and Adam Bragg of Sarasota, FL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marion and JoAnn High.

Ron's kindness, laughter, and faith will be cherished forever by those who knew and loved him.

Ron was a true "Hurricane boy" through and through, proud to call this town home for his entire life. His family is deeply grateful to the community for the kindness, care, and love shown to him over the years. They would also like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to his dedicated nursing staff, whose compassion, patience, and unwavering support meant the world to Ron and those who loved him.

CHRISTOPHER BRADY LANSDALE

Christopher Brady Lansdale, 58, of Hurricane, passed away suddenly on January 27, 2025. He was a beloved father, son, brother, uncle, and friend whose kindness, humor, and hardworking spirit touched everyone who knew him. Christopher had a passion for building, whether it was with his hands or in the relationships he cherished.

He was a lifelong fan of the Cincinnati Reds, an animal lover with a special place in his heart for dogs, and someone who could always be counted on for support and laughter.

He is survived by his loving child, Samantha Lansdale; his longtime partner Lora Crouser; his siblings, Mary Lenz, Laura Hardesty, Michael Lansdale, and David Lansdale; and his many nieces, nephews, and extended family members who adored him dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents Carolyn and George Lansdale. Christopher will be remembered for his generosity, his love for family, and the way he made life brighter for those around him.

A service honoring and celebrating his life was held on Sunday, the 2nd of February at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary, Huntington.

GREGORY K. 'GREG' NOWLIN

Gregory Kim Nowlin, 68, of Fraziers Bottom, born March 18, 1956, passed away at home on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, after a long illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, A. K. "Keith" and Avon Mae Neal Nowlin; his brother, Michael Keith Nowlin and nephew, Jonathan Nowlin.

Greg was a paramedic for over 14 years with 12 of those years for the City of Charleston. He graduated in 1991 from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. He was manager for several different funeral homes over his 20 years of service as a Funeral Director / Embalmer. After his retirement, he became the Funeral Home Inspector for the West Virginia Funeral Service Examiners Board. He was a very compassionate person and loved helping people in their time of need.

Music has always been a big part of his life, since he was a teenager. He played the drums for several bands over the years and self-taught himself other instruments later in life.

He was a member of the Nitro Masonic Lodge # 170 A.F. & A.M., Knights Templar of Kanawha Commandery # 4 and the Royal Arch Masons Tyrian Chapter # 13.

Surviving Greg is his loving wife of 42 years, Barbara Jo Workman Nowlin; daughter and granddaughter, Lindsay Jo Nowlin and Eden Jo Ferguson; son, Benjamin Scott Nowlin; daughter, Amy Elizabeth Nowlin.

Graveside service was held Saturday, February 1, 2025, at the Nowlin Addition of Mount Union United Methodist Church Cemetery, Pliny, with Pastor Rex Nance.

WADE TAYLOR

Wade B. Taylor, 60, of Hurricane, passed away Wednesday, January 29, 2025 in St. Marys Medical Center after an extended illness.

He was preceded in

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death by his parents Locie and Rebecca Taylor and brother Terry Taylor.

He is survived by his brother Lee Taylor of Hurricane, Allen Taylor of Hurricane, Joe Taylor of Hurricane, Rex Clinton of Roane County, Cricket Summers of Culloden, and cousin, Bobby and Debbie Workman and several other cousins, friends and extended family.

Private service will be held at his request and burial will be in Forest Memorial Park in Milton.

JEUREDDA 'JUDY' MARIE THOMAS

Jeuredda "Judy" Marie Thomas, 74, of Hurricane, passed away on January 20, 2025 at home after a long illness surrounded by loved ones.

Judy was born on

December 20, 1950, to the late Wesley Loyde and Mildred Marie Rose Beckett in Hurricane. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin Clinton Thomas; and brother, William "Bill" Beckett.

She is survived by her sons: Donald "Sam" Thomas (Aggie) and Jon Thomas (Millie) both of Hurricane; sister, Mae Faulkner; several honorary sons, daughters, nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Funeral service for Judy was Friday, January 24, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Brian Haber officiating. Burial was in Culloden Community Cemetery on Benedict Road, Culloden.



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CHAPMAN
300 Seville Court
Hurricane
75th Birthday February 7 | Poca
42nd Birthday February 8 |
| WILLIAM ALLEN
106 Orchard Road
Barboursville
41st Birthday February 7 | ROSIE SUMNER
JOHNSON
79 Shortleaf Lane
Hurricane
74th Birthday February 8 |
| RONDA AKERS
100 Hickory Heights
Scott Depot
59th Birthday February 7 | RUTH ANNE TINSLEY
SOVINE
Hurricane
80th Birthday February 8 |
| MARY GRANT
105 Wood Station
Buffalo
Birthday February 7 | OAKLYNN NOEL
GOTHARD
Chesapeake, Ohio
2nd Birthday February 8 |
| JOEY HINKLE
Bartow Drive
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Birthday February 7 | JOHNNY CRIST
#40 Quail Run Road
Henderson, Nevada
68th Birthday February 9 |
| AVA EILEEN-GRACE
HEDRICK
6994 Hurricane Creek
Road
Hurricane
19th Birthday February 7 | SUSAN NANETTE ELLIS
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Charleston
67th Birthday February 9 |
| LINDA ADKINS
3401 Hughes Street
Cannonsburg, Kentucky
Birthday February 7 | EMMA ROBINSON
5 & 20 Road
Frazier's Bottom
21st Birthday February 9 |
| ELLIOT JAMES
SIMMONS
Hurricane
51st Birthday February 7 | JONAE JOHNSON
#28 Meadow Wood
Estates
Scott Depot
29th Birthday February 10 |
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Charleston
Birthday February 7 | LISA FISHER
Barboursville
59th Birthday February 10 |
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New London Commons
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19th Birthday February 8 | DONALD SHAMBLIN
Poca
84th Birthday February 10 |
| KYLEE ANNETTE
HODGES
New London Commons
Hurricane
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77th Birthday February 10 |
| KATIE HOOSER
Huntington
72nd Birthday February 8 | KELSI CALL
980 Old Kanawha Trail
Culloden
Birthday February 10 |
| SUSAN GETER
803 Washington Hill Road
Hurricane
56th Birthday February 8 | KERMIT BEAVER
1147 Coleman Creek
Road
Frazier's Bottom
83rd Birthday February 10 |
| KARI NEVILLE
1115 Stewart Addition
Rear
Milton
Birthday February 8 | JACOB FINNEY
Liberty
29th Birthday February 10 |
| JESSICA CLARK
Black Betsy Bottom Road | KATELIN LEEANN
CYFERS
Huntington
17th Birthday February 11 |
| | JIM JEFFERSON
P.O. Box 688 |

- West Hamlin
Birthday February 11
- CHRIS PAULEY
Asheboro, North Carolina
39th Birthday February 11
- GRANT WIGGINS
Route 1, Box 179
Liberty
31st Birthday February 11
- DEBBIE WELCH
#5 Washington Hill Road
Hurricane
68th Birthday February 11
- DARRELL JOHNSON
313 High School Avenue
Hurricane
79th Birthday February 11

- MARY ELLEN BALL
P.O. Box 32
Milton
Birthday February 11
- KAREN SUE BOWEN
Virginia Avenue
Hurricane
72nd Birthday
February 11
- GREG BOSTIC
Salt Rock
Birthday February 11
- BARRY ROBERTS
100 Windy Ridge Road
Lavalette
Birthday February 11

- ABBY BLACK COYNER
P.O. Box 763
Hedrick Road
Scott Depot
64th Birthday February 11
- SCOTT ASHLEY
Nitro
Birthday February 11

- IMOGENE LEADMAN
Hurricane Creek Road
Hurricane
91st Birthday February 11
- SANDY BIRD HANDLEY
2217 Cleveland Road
Culloden
77th Birthday February 12

- PAUL DIXON II
Tennessee
57th Birthday February 12
- DARRIN CARRICO
South Point, Ohio
59th Birthday February 12
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30th Birthday February 12

- MARLA SUE RACER
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Road
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Birthday February 12
- CARA DIALS
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Birthday February 12

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PORTER
Hurricane
56th Birthday February 12
- GINA GABBARD BAKER
Trenton, Ohio
Birthday February 12

- LARRY CALL
874 Cow Creek Road
Hurricane
78th Birthday February 13
- LARRY A. STANLEY
789 Kathryn Drive
Wilmington, Ohio
94th Birthday February 13

- JOYCE YOUNG
6994 Hurricane Creek
Road
Winfield
67th Birthday February 13
- DANNY GRAHAM
105 Buckhorn Circle
Eatonton, Georgia
77th Birthday February 13

- JACOB TYLER CRIBB
1205 Ann Street
Huntington
16th Birthday February 13
- DR. DAVID JEREMIAH
San Diego, California
84th Birthday February 13

Putnam Fair to Host Super Bowl Lunch

The Putnam County Fair is hosting a Super Bowl Lunch fundraiser on Sunday, February 9, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Eleanor Fire Department (upstairs room). The meal is \$7 per person, and includes a bowl of soup, choice of bread, and a drink. There will also be desserts available for sale.

Crafters and Vendors Wanted

Crafters and vendors are wanted for a Spring Arts and Craft Show which will be held on Saturday, March 22, at the Buffalo Church of God Fellowship Center. The cost is \$25 for 8' space; \$15 for outside space (weather permitting). For vendor applications, additional information or questions contact Melody Matthews 304-543-1122 or 304-937-3492; or email matthewsmules@frontier.com

Surprise Your Sweetheart With A Singing Valentine

Do you want something different for your sweetheart? This year, surprise your special person with an "In Person", "Virtual Video" or "Phone" Singing Valentine. The Kanawha Kordsmen and Harmony ReChaired Barbershop Quartets will be saying "I Love You" Wednesday, February 13, Thursday, February 14, Valentine's Day, or Friday, February 15. Singing Valentines can be sent to wives, husbands, boyfriends, girlfriends, children, parents or anyone who is special to you. The Kanawha Kordsmen and Harmony ReChaired

Happy Anniversary

Kenny and Sharl Hinkle of 390 Evans Creek Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their fifty-second wedding anniversary on February 3.

Bud and Barbara Caldwell Sovine of 2115 Crooked Creek Road in Scott Depot will celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on February 7.

Gene and Becky Richmond of 3012 Sansom Court in Milton will celebrate their wedding anniversary on February 7.

Mike and Patty Escue of 1596 Washington Hill Road in Hurricane will celebrate their forty-fourth wedding anniversary on February 7.

Carl and DeAnna Morrison Johnson of Hurricane will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary on February 7.

Chris and Julie Reeves Davis of Russell, Kentucky, will celebrate their thirteenth wedding anniversary on February 9.

Dan and Faith Hayman of Syracuse, Ohio, will celebrate their fifty-second wedding anniversary on February 10.

Dustin and Melody Dillion-Dalton of Jones' Cove in Hurricane will celebrate their fourteenth wedding anniversary on February 11.

Dan and Marilyn Carter McKinney of Derby Road in Hurricane will celebrate their third wedding anniversary on February 11.

CloverSTEMs Spread the Love Yard Decorating Fundraiser

The Putnam County 4H CloverSTEMs will be hosting a Spread the Love yard decorating fundraiser. They will decorate the yard of a loved one on the evening of February 13 so that they wake up to a Valentine's Day surprise!

Tier 1
Cupid's Touch - \$40
Decorations include: 120" Happy Valentine's Day heart yard sign

A scattering of hanging conversation heart decor on your fence or porch

A set of 15 heart-shaped yard decorations on small stakes.

Candy: A small jar of assorted candy and Valentine's Day treats with a note from you.

Tier 2
Love at First Sight - \$50
Decorations include: 220" Happy Valentine's Day heart yard signs

A scattering of hanging conversation heart decor on your fence or porch

A set of 20 heart-shaped yard decorations on small stakes

Candy: A medium sized jar of assorted candy and Valentine's Day treats with a note from you.

Tier 3
Love Blooms - \$60
Decorations include: 320" Happy Valentine's Day heart yard signs

A scattering of hanging conversation heart decor on your fence or porch

A set of 30 heart-shaped yard decorations on small stakes

A large XOXO yard sign

Candy: A large sized jar of assorted candy and Valentine's Day treats with a note from you.

Choose a package and send your information to lego@wv4h.com to order. You can also go to https://www.facebook.com/events/429795280128803 and fill out the form linked on the event information page. Payments accepted through PayPal invoice once accepted (subject to approval based on address; Putnam and Kanawha County residents only).

have been delivering Singing Valentines for over 35 years in the Greater Kanawha Valley area. Wherever a quartet appears, it will draw a crowd – and sometimes a few tears. Men or women can be on the receiving end – with moving results. There are three options available:

\$55 In Person Quartet Option: Each Singing Valentine will include a love song personally delivered by a Quartet, a silk rose, a box of chocolate candy, and your personalized Valentine's Day card. We will serenade your sweetheart at home, school, work, restaurant, hospital or nursing home or anywhere else you choose. Just provide the name of your special person, the location, date and time desired, and we will take care of the rest. This option is available in the Greater Kanawha Valley and Putnam County.

\$45 Virtual Quartet Video Option: Your personalized Valentine

message and a quartet Sweetheart Song will be delivered virtually to your special someone's phone, laptop, desktop, or other personal device. They can access the Singing Valentine via a secure link where they will see and hear the quartet sing to them. This package is available anywhere in the world to anyone who has an email address.

\$35 Audio Option: Your personalized Valentine message, and a Sweetheart Song by a quartet will be delivered over the phone to your special someone. The Singing Valentine will be delivered at the time of your choosing, to anyone who has a telephone.

To order a Singing Valentine call 304-346-SING (7464) or 304-610-4196, visit our website www.charlestonwvacapella.com, or send an email to kkordsmen@aol.com. Singing Valentines can also be ordered by contacting any member of the choruses.

Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

Christian Community Cupboard
2843 Virginia Avenue
Hurricane
(304) 562-9373
Open from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays

Five Loaves Two Fish Food Pantry
Poca United Methodist Church
Silver Street
(304) 755-7341
Open from 9 a.m. to noon second and fourth Saturday

Food and More At The Bridge
The Bridge Church
279 Dairy Road
Poca
(304) 373-6068
Offers hot meals, food pantry boxes, and a clothing closet from 5 to 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month

Calvary Baptist Church
3653 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane
(304) 757-8829
Open from 8:30 to 11 a.m. the last Saturday of

the month
The Pulse Church
5368 WV Route 34
Winfield
(304) 936-1679
Open from 2 to 4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Salt & Light Food Pantry
Winfield Church of the Nazarene
10822 Winfield Road
(304) 586-2180
Open monthly

Teays Valley Baptist Church
3926 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane
(304) 757-9306
Opens at 9 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month

Bridge Family Resource Center
30 Mallory Lane
North, St. Albans
304-727-6991
Resource Day is held on the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Clothing, furniture, household, and other items

Lighthouse Baptist Food Pantry

Light House Baptist Church, Route 60, Hurricane, will be holding a food pantry the second Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m. For more information, call 304-562-3900.

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